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James R. Kuhl, producing artistic director for Northville Tipping Point Theatre, is proud of the professional theater productions at the facility.

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The Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will mark the 13th anniversary this year. The group was formed to address the unmet needs of women and children.

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Members of the Get It Girls Club at Stevenson Middle School visited the Microsoft Offices in Detroit Feb. 13 during a field trip provided by the Michigan Council of Women and Technology.

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Rising recycling rates impact efforts

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Recent cost hikes have prompted area communities to take another look at recycling efforts.

Canton Township Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak noted during the board meeting last week that the increased costs are having a widespread impact.

"It's happening across the country," she said.

Westland officials scrapped their city recycling in late February after being told of extreme increases in cost at the recycling facility, from \$18 per ton to \$80 per ton. Westland Mayor William Wild told residents the landfill cost \$28 per ton, adding, "We believe this will be a temporary solution so we

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are asking residents not to change the way they recycle. We ask that you continue to use the blue bin for recycled materials."

Graham-Hudak asked about Lansing work groups on recycling, with Canton Supervisor Pat Williams noting he and others of the Conference for Western Wayne have met this past week to discuss "more creative and proactive solutions. They're now investigating it," said Williams. "It's going to be administration-driven," as legislators were often unaware of the issue," he said.

Canton will soon schedule a

study session on recyclables, Williams added.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok is also aware of the rising costs.

"Right now, there's a lot of discussion about end markets, closing that loop. That's really the hardest thing," Sincok said. "We started a long, long time ago," with a yellow bag program for curbside collection. Materials are then taken to "a materials recovery facility, and hopefully sold," he said.

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lem."

In the City of Plymouth, the contractor is Republic Services, and in January 2015 the city switched to current 65-gallon carts, "stopped using the recycling bins at the curbs and switched to the carts. It's very convenient," Sincok said, noting the contractor handles details.

The City of Wayne website notes it partners with Simple Recycling to allow residents to leave clothing and housewares at the curbside for collection, provided they're in reusable condition.

Williams said he agrees with Sincok on end market challenges: "Absolutely. That is an absolutely true statement," said Williams.

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Steps in time 18th Century dance to help Fife & Drum Corps

Some very special guests will be attending the Turning Through Time event at the Mayflower Meeting House next month.

Both Ben Franklin and Paul Revere will be on hand for the event and the re-enactors have promised to regale crowds with accounts of their revolutionary experiences during the 18th Century themed dinner, dance and auction planned to help fund the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

The event will open with a performance by the drum corps in the traditional ballroom of the Mayflower Meeting House at 7 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner and cash bar.

Following dinner, guests can dance to 18th Century social dances led by the Golden Griffon Stringtet. Dancing experience is not necessary, organizers said emphatically, as instructors will be on hand.

The silent auction during the evening will also help fund the Plymouth-based, award-winning young musicians.



Special guests Ben Franklin and Paul Revere are set to make a repeat appearance at the Turning Through Time 18-Century dance in Plymouth April 6. The event is a fundraiser for the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.



While 18th Century attire is encouraged, it is not mandatory and the event is open to the public.

Turning Through Time will take place from 7 until 11 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Mayflower Meeting House, 499 S Main St, Plymouth.

Tickets are priced at \$75 and can be purchased at the

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps website: <http://pfdc.us/pfdeblog/>

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is a non-profit, all youth corps, comprised of students ages 12-18 from Plymouth and surrounding communities. It was founded in 1971 and the current corps is now in the 48th season. All

funds generated will help continue the group mission of musical excellence, honor, and tradition, and help the corps purchase a new truck, uniforms and guard equipment.

For tickets or more information, phone organizers Audra Pieknik, (248) 259-3225 or Ed Ungerman, (248) 217-1456.

Former Plymouth director sentenced in theft

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Michael Mitchell, former Plymouth Township director of parks and grants, was sentenced last week to 2 years probation and 250 hours of community service in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan by Judge Terrence Berg.

Mitchell was charged with one count of theft from a local government receiving federal assistance. The charges could carry up to a 10-year prison term and a \$250,000 fine. He was accused of stealing township property, including a John Deere Gator utility vehicle and other items of landscaping equipment. The value of the

Price created the \$63,277 Plymouth Township position for Mitchell immediately after his appointment as supervisor in 2016.

stolen items, discovered during a warrant search of Mitchell's Livonia home, was estimated at \$10,000.

Informed sources said because the charges were filed in what is known as "information," which is an indicator Mitchell cooperated with law enforcement and had negotiated a plea deal in exchange for that information, he was not likely to face a 10-year prison term nor a \$250,000 fine, but the reduced sentence imposed last week.

Mitchell was arraigned Aug. 29, 2017 before Judge Terrence Berg in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. Mitchell entered a plea of guilty.

"This is a sad day in the history of Plymouth Township. We're on a much better pathway with managerial oversight and the proper checks and balances in place," said Police Chief Tom Tiderington.

Tiderington said he felt Mitchell's sentencing was proper considering there was no

financial loss to the township as all the stolen property was recovered.

According to the FBI, charges filed against Mitchell were reportedly the result of a wide-ranging and on-going bribery and public corruption investigation centered in Macomb County involving convicted trash contractor Chuck Rizzo of Rizzo Environmental and other municipal contractors.

Mitchell was a political appointee and colleague of former Wayne County Commissioner and Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price. Price created the \$63,277 Plymouth Township position

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CANTON

Joseph’s Amazing Dreamcoat on Canton stage

Spotlight Players will present the Broadway classic, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, March 29-31 and April 5-7.

This popular show, which tells the story of Joseph's “coat of many colors” from the Bible book of Genesis, will be performed on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was first performed as a 15-minute skit in 1968. Notable highlights include David Cassidy playing the role of Joseph between 1983 and 1984 and Donny Osmond starring in a 1999 Broadway version which went direct to video. Joseph has continued to entertain audiences with many other productions which continue through today. More than 20,000 schools and amateur theater groups have performed this musical.

One of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a reimagining of the Biblical

story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers and the coat of many colors. Told entirely through song with the help of a main character, the Narrator, the musical follows preferred son, Joseph. After being sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph ingratiates himself with Egyptian noble Potiphar, but ends up in jail after refusing the amorous advances of Potiphar's wife. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and soon finds himself in front of the mighty but troubled, Elvis-inspired, Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family.

Director/Choreographer Allison Boufford leads a Spotlight Players cast of 38, including: Anna Dreslinski Cooke (Plymouth) as Narrator; David Weishaar (Northville) as Joseph, Brian George (Canton) as Pharaoh, Michael Soranno (Livonia) as Jacob, and John Boufford (Livonia) as Potiphar.

Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets to the performance are

\$15-18 each and can be purchased, and printed at home or held in will call, anytime from www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The Village Theater Box Office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (734) 394-5300 x3, with a Visa or

MasterCard between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m on weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to the show.

For additional information about Spotlight Players, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Costs

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He noted the market iss still strong for plastic 1 and 2, but less so for glass and other plastics. The market remains strong for good, high-quality paper that's clean as well as cardboard, Williams said.

He noted Conference of Western Wayne

educational efforts, “to make them aware of what is happening with recycling markets. Everyone is looking at it to see what makes the most sense,” said Williams.

In Canton, the increase is about \$1.54 per household, adding up to about a half million dollars, Williams said. That makes long-term solutions on recycling vital, he noted.

“But that'll be years before that's resolved,” Williams added.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2019 for the following:

**MORRISON BLVD APPROACH AND ADA UPGRADES
FOR MORRISON BOULEVARD AT M-153 (FORD ROAD)**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
APRIL 11, 2019

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco and James Malinowski.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
FEBRUARY 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Abraham Nunu, Canton Investment & Development, for property located at 43415 Michigan Avenue, on the south side of Michigan Avenue west of Morton Taylor Road, Zoning C-2, appealing Section 27.05A (Administrative Decision that the Building is a Non-Conforming Motel). Parcel ID 71-133-01-0001-002 Tabled Item from 11-8-2018 (Building)
2. Applicant Debra Michels, for property located at 43638 Emrick Drive, Brentwood Estates, on the north side of Emrick Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads, Zoning R-5, appealing Section 78-131.4(a) Zoning District Restrictions, All Other Zoning Districts, Partition Fences and Walls. Parcel ID 71-057-02-0068-000 (Building)
3. Applicant Vincent McGowan, Mac Signage, for property located at 47500 Warren Road, on the north side of Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, Zoning RR, appealing Section 6A.12 Sign Permitted in all Single-Family Residential Districts, Parcel ID 71-020-99-0009-000 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

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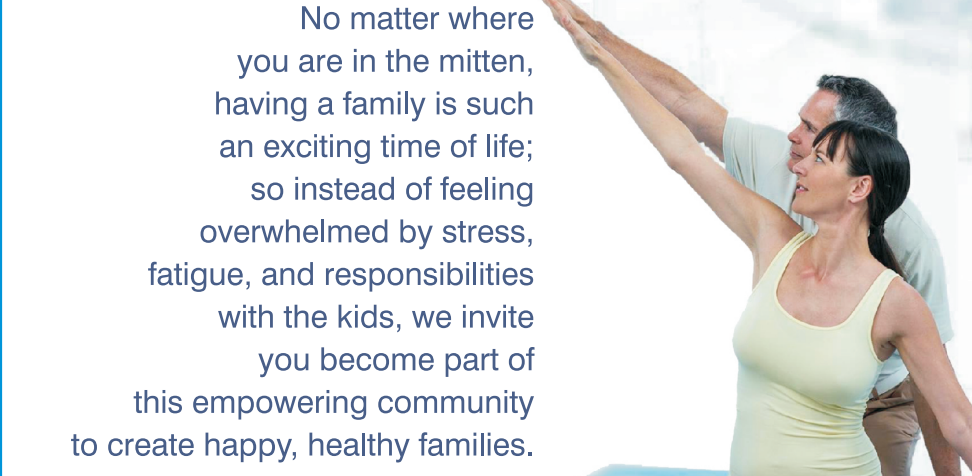
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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

City seeking names of Hometown Heroes

Nominations are being sought for the 2019 Hometown Hero Awards in Romulus.

The City of Romulus Police, Fire & Safety Commission is looking for the names of an educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the

schools; a citizen or organization who consistently demonstrates excellent community leadership by "stepping up to the plate" and has made a significant contribution to the community through his/her/their involvement by giving many hours of personal time; a courageous person who exemplifies courage, kindness, and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in or out of the Romulus community and a veteran of the U.S. military who has made significant contributions above and beyond the call of duty.

Nomination forms are available at Romulus City Hall, Romulus Chamber of Commerce, Romulus Athletic Center, Romulus Library, or the City of Romulus Website, www.romulusgov.com/HometownHeroes. Applications and supporting documents must be

returned by mail by March 29 to be considered. Mail nominations to: Romulus City Hall, ATTN: Hometown Heroes Committee, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174

For more information, call Mayor LeRoy Burcroff's office at (734) 942-7571.

Councilwoman comments on State of County plan

Romulus City Councilwoman Virginia Williams believes that Wayne County Executive Warren Evans proposed at least one good idea during his State of the County address in Dearborn last week.

Evans proposed an analysis of the payment plans for delin-

quent taxes being offered to homeowners in the county to avoid foreclosure. He said that property owners continue to default on those plans and are ending up in foreclosure despite the efforts of the county to help them.

Williams agreed with Evans' proposed analysis.

"I know many individuals that have taken advantage of the program yet some continued to default the payment plan each time," Williams said. "That's why many have ended up losing their property, the program has benefited many that kept the payment

plans that they agree too."

Evans said the number of foreclosures has decreased, county wide, since 2015, but there are still questions about the success of the payment plans offered by the Wayne County Treasurer. Provisions of the program require homeowners to

pay the current property tax while making payments on the delinquent amounts.

Evans said that the county foreclosed on 28,200 properties in 2015 and only 4,178 in 2018 and that there are currently nearly 31,000 properties on payment plans.

Surprise Schools honor kindergarten teacher with ‘excellence’ award

Shelia Montri received quite a surprise last week during what she thought would be a routine student assembly at Keystone Academy in Belleville.

Montri, a kindergarten teacher, was honored by her fellow teachers, school principal Jorvonna Drain and National Heritage Academy Chief Academic Officer Todd McKee who presented her with the National Heritage Academy Annual Excellence in Teaching Award.

Montri is one of only 11 winners nationwide and was completely unaware of the honor prior to the assembly at the Bemis Road school where the announcement was made and celebratory steamers released.

"Shelia is a mentor to two teachers at Keystone. She is always willing to share resources and ideas that benefit Keystone as a whole," said Drain. "She has been recognized as an EIT final-

ist previously and we are excited that she is the winner this year."

"Our Excellence in Teaching awards shine a light on the unsung heroes who are every day making a difference in children's lives," NHA CEO Brian Britton said. "I love hearing the stories of joy and passion that our teachers bring to their work - stories that are humbling and truly demonstrate the purpose behind what we do, transform lives. These award winners are so deserving

of this recognition, and I am proud to recognize their efforts."

Winners of the award can choose from an internal program called High Five valued at \$3,500, and can choose from a variety of goods, a \$1,000 gift card for classroom supplies, and a plaque.

Montri holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from the University of Toledo and a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University.



Shelia Montri

First fundraiser for Romulus Flyers is this Saturday

The event that kicks off the 2019 season of the Romulus Athletic Club is set for 6 p.m. until midnight this Saturday, March 23, at the Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga St.

The club, commonly referred to as the Romulus Flyers, is the youth organization in the city that provides football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 7 to 13.

The club has consistently provided a place where youngsters can learn and experience the importance of hard work, dedication and perseverance, said club President John Wester.

"Children who participate in the program are given real opportunities to learn how to deal with adverse situations and develop and execute plans to deal with those situations," he said.

Wester said the Romulus Progressive Club and Romulus Athletic Club have agreed to transfer the operation of the Romulus Progressive Hall to the Athletic Club. He said the two organizations were formed with similar goals in mind: to work toward the improvement of the then-Township of Romulus and residents.

"With the commonality of purpose," Wester said, "the Romulus Athletic Club expects to operate the hall in a similar manner with the goal of helping the community through the Romulus Flyers."

The Saturday party is expected to help to bridge the transition in operation and bring the various portions of the Romulus community together with a common purpose of helping children in the city, he added.

Tickets can be obtained for \$25 by calling the hall at (734) 941-3044 or Wester at (734) 673-1971. Admission at the door will be \$30.

Free beer will be served while it lasts and snacks and set-ups will be available.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP 18/19-32 - 2019 COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY - JUNE 27, 2019

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified pyrotechnic display contractors to provide and execute the 2019 City of Romulus Community Fireworks Display. The display shall be fired at dusk on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from the land fill area of the City owned property, accessed from Ecorse Road and located between Ecorse Road and Wick Road. The successful proposer shall furnish all labor, fireworks, transportation, and other equipment materials necessary for the firing of the display. The contracted cost of the show shall be approximately \$12,500

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at <http://www.mitn.info/>. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
- Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received prior to the published deadline for the submittal of proposals
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
- A total of five (5) copies (One original and four marked "Copy") of the proposal must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., April 2, 2019. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled and bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Company will be required to enter into a contract with, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
- The successful Company shall be required to comply with all local, state and Federal regulations concerning the storage and use of fireworks and for obtaining any and all required permits.
- The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.
- For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
- The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1592, R78-018-05-0000-000, Gateway of Plymouth, Condominium Project, Building 7, Units 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62 in an R-2-A zoning district is requesting a reduction in freeway buffer setback from 60 feet to no less than 45 feet. *The variance requested is 15 feet of freeway buffer setback.* (If approved by ZBA the approval is contingent on the Applicant receiving approval by Planning Commission for amended site plan approval)

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING March 4, 2019

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Talley, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented
Motion Carried Unanimously.

19-055 2A. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 25, 2019. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays – None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

19-056 4A. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Michael Pratt. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays – None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report
Pastor Bob Harper announced the Romulus Community Choir Benefit Concert for first responders will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Romulus High School auditorium. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

19-057 5A. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2018 Justice Assistance Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus and accept monies from Wayne County Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$10,622.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-058 5B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration to waive the bidding process and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Personal Services Contract with Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) for a Community Risk Assessment Project as outlined in Attachment A of the contract. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-059 5C. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and the Downtown Development Authority and approve the amendments to the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority By-Laws to reflect the increase in the number of serving members from nine to thirteen.
Discussion: Councilwoman Webb requested the name of the members and that there is a need for more members. Councilwoman Williams asked if there is a deadline to apply for the DDA (no) and if an applicant must live in the District. (yes) **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report

19-060 6A1. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-22, TIFA, which was introduced at the Council meeting of February 25, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-061 6A2. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a study session on Monday, April 08 and Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and a public hearing on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 2019-20 Budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

19-062 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss proposed zoning ordinance amendments. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment
A resident expressed that she is glad the Downtown Development Authority is adding members; and, she plans to submit an application to become a member.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication
Councilwoman Talley acknowledged those who participated in the annual soul food dinner. Mayor Pro Tem Barden congratulated the Romulus High School Boys Basketball Team on their league championship.

11. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Webb to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 4, 2019.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Women’s Giving Circle celebrates 13 years

The Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will mark the 13th anniversary of the group founding this year. The circle was established in May 2006 to address the unmet community needs of women and children in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

A small group of Canton and Plymouth women led by Joan Noricks and Loren Wadington met throughout the summer to lay the foundation for the local giving circle, writing by-laws, outlining the mission and purpose.

Other charter members of Giving Hope included Betty Bloch, Shanaz Broucek, Nancy Eggenberger, Jean LaJoy, Carla

O'Malley, Linda Radtke, Martha Snow, Jean Stenger, Ellen Tucker, Terry Bennett, Karyl Niemi and Nancy Richter;

A giving circle combines and leverages the resources of a group of individuals for greater impact upon the community. The Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle was established as a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation which functions in a way similar to a private foundation.

Noricks noted that while fundraising events are important, the endowment remains key to the group's viability.

“Even if we did nothing else, that money's going to generate a

resource so that we can make grants to causes we care about,” she said. “We are putting aside money for our daughters and our granddaughters and their daughters after them.”

Giving Hope currently has a \$150,000 endowment. It has granted more than \$140,000 to local nonprofits including the Canton-Plymouth Literacy Council, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, First Step, Salvation Army, Miracle League, Vista Maria, Goodfellows, Girl Scouts and others.

A key component of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle mission is to expand philanthro-

py through knowledge of local issues, and to increase giving by local women.

In addition to membership money, a collection called “Pass the Purse” is made at each meeting for a local group needing immediate assistance. Since 2006, more than \$15,000 has been distributed to needy organizations. These funds have provided diapers for children and adults through the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which serves Wayne County; food when the Salvation Army pantry is depleted and personal care products for women receiving assistance from a local food bank.

For more information, visit



Joan Noricks

the Giving Hope link at www.cantonfoundation.org or follow the group on Facebook.

College funding is topic at Plymouth Library meeting

Area families will have an opportunity to learn about saving for college during a free community informational session hosted by the Michigan Department of Treasury next week at the Plymouth District Library.

Representatives from the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) will be on hand to discuss the features and benefits of each both the Section 529 college savings plans from 3-8 p.m. Monday, March 25. The speakers

will offer general tips to educate parents, grandparents and others on saving for college.

Those attending, who are encouraged to arrive at their convenience anytime between 3 and 8 p.m., will also have the opportunity to purchase a MET contract and open an MESP account on-site. MET will waive the \$25 enrollment fee and contribute \$100 toward each new prepaid tuition contract purchase during the session.

“We know that saving for col-

lege can seem overwhelming for parents, and this is an opportunity for them to gather information in a low-key, no-pressure environment,” said Robin Lott, executive director of both 529 plans. “With college tuition and fees continuing to rise, it's more important than ever for parents to get as early a start as possible on building college savings for their children.”

MET is the Michigan Section 529 prepaid tuition program that locks future tuition at any of the state public universities and col-

leges, at current rates. The total contract price is eligible for a state tax deduction and earnings are tax-exempt if used for qualified higher education expenses. MET contracts are portable to out-of-state and Michigan private colleges and universities and may be transferred to other eligible family members. More than 96 percent of high school graduates with MET contracts have attended a college or university.

MESP is the state direct sold Section 529 college savings plan,

which offers Michigan taxpayers a Michigan income tax deduction on contributions and potential tax-free growth on any earnings if account proceeds are used to pay for qualified higher education expenses. Qualified higher education expenses include tuition, fees, room, board, books, equipment and supplies required for enrollment. Limitations apply.

Plymouth District Library is located at 223 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-0750.

Township officials to present ADA plan next week

A special public meeting to present the Canton Township Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All individuals who currently reside in Canton Township, or who utilize a Canton facility or service, are encouraged to attend to provide input during the meeting which will take place in the board room, located

on the first floor. Participants planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling (734) 394-5260. Comments about the Canton ADA Transition Plan may be submitted online at www.canton-mi.org through March 27.

CART (Communication Access Real-time Translation) services will also be provided during this public meeting including real-time captioning and transcription. In addition, Canton residents currently registered with Canton Community Mobility

Transportation Services may schedule a ride to and from the meeting by calling Paula Kosbe at (734) 394-5191 no later than 2 p.m. March 25.

The township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing based on a two-week notice to Canton. Individuals with disabilities

requiring any additional auxiliary aids or services should contact by writing: Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. Accommodations may also be requested online at www.canton-mi.org.

For additional information, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5360.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, and September 2019 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF A NEW CLASS “C” LIQUOR
FOR DESI RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC., LOCATED
AT 42070 FORD RD. CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48187,
CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 58 of the Public Acts of 1998 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request for a New Class “C” Liquor License For Desi Restaurant Group located at 42070 Ford Rd., Canton, Michigan, 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk’s Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (RRFOF)

MARCH 21, 2019

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

1150 CANTON CENTER S

CANTON, MI 48188

(734) 394-5225

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 8, 2019 the Charter Township of Canton will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects: Project # 1 Northgate Park Playground for the purpose of creating a playground, \$280,000, in the northeast corner of Canton Township near the crossroads of Haggerty Road and Koppernick Road.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Charter Township of Canton gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Canton Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. All comments received by April 5th will be considered by Canton Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Canton certifies to HUD that Pat Williams in his capacity as Supervisor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Charter Township of Canton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Charter Township of Canton's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Canton; (b) the Charter Township of Canton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at McNamara Federal Building at 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pat Williams, Canton Township Supervisor

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2019 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM
HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

ZONE 4 - Target Subdivisions
Bi-Parkview Estates #1
Bi-Parkview Estates #2
Forest Brook # 1
Forest Brook #2
Poplar Ridge

Also

Miscellaneous Locations and Metro Act Locations throughout Canton Township

ALL subdivisions located in **ZONE FOUR** are South of Palmer Road.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Zone Four includes all commercial and residential parcels (MISCELLANEOUS) that are located along a public road right-of-way.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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NORTHVILLE

Tipping Point

Live productions continue to draw crowds

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

James R. Kuhl, at 40, doesn't regret choosing the theater as his career.

"It was a place that was willing to accept everyone without any type of litmus test," said Kuhl, who has been the producing artistic director for Northville Tipping Point Theatre since 2009. "Your uniqueness was what made you the asset."

He likes an Oscar Wilde quote: 'Be yourself. Everybody else is already taken.'

Kuhl earned his B.A. in theater from Alma College as well as a master of fine arts degree from Wayne State University, where he's on the part-time faculty. He completed the Purple Rose Theatre Apprentice Program as well as a two-year Alma College internship.

"The craft comes in basically inviting an audience to see that part of yourself. You just had to be yourself," said Kuhl, married nearly 18 years and dad to three ranging from high school freshman to first-grader. He is a winner of the Heck Rabi Playwriting Competition.

He's among Wilde Award winners for Every Brilliant Thing, written by Duncan Macmillan

and Jonny Donahoe. "We've been taking it to local communities," including libraries, a teacher group, an Ann Arbor bar in conjunction with the Ann Arbor District Library, and student groups.

"It's really important for the play to have a diversity of age," he said of Every Brilliant Thing, staged last season at the Tipping Point Theatre.

The play starts with the mother of a boy, 7, trying to take her own life. His reaction "is to make a list of things in the world that are worth living for. It's an extraordinarily humorous play."

The audience gets list items like "ice cream" or "staying up late," noted narrator Kuhl. Last season, he and an actress traded off the shows and found, "All of these themes are incredibly universal."

He's pleased with the response from youth assistance groups, schools, and those working to end suicide.

Tipping Point, now in its 12th season, has nine people on staff, three of them apprentices integral to theater operation. Of play-goers, Kuhl notes, "No matter what experience you have with theater, you're right."

That's because of your own life experiences, he said.

"I hope they are walking

away with a deeper appreciation or acknowledgement of their experience as a human being," said Farmington resident Kuhl. "I think that's why theater continues to exist, for me, anyway."

He's done writing of plays, such as The Kings of Unionville, and is busy now with teaching, running the theater, and family life.

"All theaters have their own specific feel," said Kuhl, noting those in this region draw from the same paid actor pool as well as designers.

He finds artistic leadership is key to a relationship with its audience.

"It's also me listening to them. It becomes my job as an artist to translate their feedback," said Kuhl during an interview near the box office. "Every single play is not going to speak to every person in the same way."

He's working with the Tipping Point board of directors, with agreement on the ongoing need for benefactors/support from the local and surrounding communities.

"Two different and very wonderful possibilities," he said of the last decade of growth and resultant capacity of the space in the theater building. "The next step is not a baby step, it's a



James R. Kuhl is proud of the Tipping Point Theatre and excited about the future. He's the producing artistic director for the theater in downtown Northville.

leap."

He's a big advocate of arts and arts education, "the ability to sit with another human being and look them in the eye and communicate. Those things are taught by the arts. The fostering of creativity and innovation."

He sees arts allowing you "to pay attention to yourself and your society and your family and the world around you. The arts do that for us," said Kuhl.

To learn more about Tipping Point Theatre, visit www.tipping-pointtheatre.com.

Northville school bond sale is successful

Northville Public Schools has sold \$52,740,000 in building and site bonds to help fund the building, furnishing and equipping school facilities.

The bonds were approved by voters during the Nov. 7, 2017 election. The 2019 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II represents the second series of bonds under the 2017 authorization. Language in the ballot approval specified the funds be used "for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring and

installing instructional technology in school facilities; purchasing school buses; and erecting, furnishing, equipping, developing, and improving playgrounds, sites, and athletic fields and facilities; and paying the costs of issuing the bonds."

The district received a "AA" rating with a stable outlook from Standard and Poor's and cited the "very strong to extremely strong economy in the district, the consistently very strong general fund balance" and "good management practices " in the rating of the school district.

"The positive financial rating for the district's bond issue con-

The lower interest rate will result in bond payments for the district that are \$3.7 million lower for this series compared to the projection from mid-November.

tributed to the opportunity to sell the bonds at a favorable rate, maximizing the bond dollars targeted directly toward upgrading school facilities, enhancing existing school security, and providing students across the district with modern learning environments," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary

Kay Gallagher. "Our primary goal is to support learning for all students in a manner that prepares them for meeting the expectations and demands of colleges, universities and employers now, and in the future. These improvements will enhance Northville Public Schools' tradition of excellence,

while honoring our Board of Education's commitment to strong stewardship of the community's investment in our schools."

The 2019 School Building and Site Bonds, Series II, were sold at a true interest rate of 3.50 percent – among the lowest interest rates achieved by any Michigan K-12 issuer this year - with a final maturity of 2043 (a repayment term of approximately 24 years). The lower interest rate will result in bond payments for the district that are \$3.7 million lower for this series compared to the projection from mid-November.

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59. Auctions

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2008 AUDI A8
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1997 FORD ESCORT
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2000 ACURA 3.2 TL
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2005 CHEVY MALIBU
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2010 NISSAN SENTRA
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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Showing of Russian Five to benefit Wayne Champions

The Phoenix Theatre in Wayne is one the select few that will show the multiple-award winning documentary, The Russian Five.

The film chronicles the story of five Russian hockey players, their teammates and Detroit Red Wing leadership. One of the most dynamic examples of the fight for human freedom - merged with one of the most significant changes in the course of American hockey culture - played out across Michigan and the world in the 1980s and '90s as five Russian hockey players were snuck into America, and one-by-one became part of the historic Detroit Red Wings Hockey Club.

Through a plot that sounds like a James Bond spy novel, the Red Wings organization brought on one Russian after another, sneaking them out under cover of night and whisking them to the Motor City. The players found freedom in Hockeytown, and a big place in hockey fans' hearts.

Phoenix Theatres will host a special fund-raiser for the non-profit organization Champions of Wayne at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 3. Tickets are available for the private party fundraiser on-line at phoenixmovies.net or at the State-Wayne theatre. Guests of the event will enjoy music, hors d'oeuvres, and have a chance to meet key members of the production team that helped create the film.

Now through March 31 in celebration of the movie, Phoenix Theatres is giving one grand prize winner a chance to have a steak dinner with Darren McCarty, sponsored by Johnny's Italian Steakhouse. Along with a complementary dinner the grand prize will consist of an autographed copy of "The Russian Five", an official Russian Five movie poster, and autographed shoes from Darren McCarty's new custom line. For more information on the details of the sweepstakes and how-to-enter visit: www.phoenixmovies.net/the-russian-five.

Champions of Wayne is an innovative and unique educational program for students that involves adult mentoring, customized academic goals and financial incentives at Wayne Memorial High School. Champions started in 2009 with 50 students and a handful of mentors. The program has rapidly expanded with more than 700 students and nearly 100 mentors participating. Due to the benefits of the mentoring program, the number of at-risk youths dropping out of high school has decreased significantly. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Phoenix Theatres State-Wayne in Wayne or on-line at phoenixmovies.net.

"Watching "The Russian Five" movie trailer with an audience this past weekend was simply an experience, said Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson. "The audience lights up the room with excitement just watching the historic scenes of the Red Wings in the championship years.

"It's a perfect movie for people in Michigan who love their Red Wings and love a great story of five players on their road to freedom. We immediately knew that we wanted this film to be showcased in our theatres and are very happy to bring a wide variety of options to customers to have private screenings, get some autographs and to help kids through Champions of Wayne. Like the Red Wings showed us all, it's a win-win for everyone.

"The Russian Five is the true story of immigrants that became American heroes, teammates that became family, and a scrappy, resilient city that became a world champion, twice. It's a story about hopes and dreams becoming reality, and the harsh reality of dreaming big. The names Federov, Larionov, Fetisov, Kozlov, and Konstantinov are legend in the Motor City and their influence on the game is still felt throughout the National Hockey League today," he added.



The Phoenix Theatre in Wayne



Get It Girls

Members of the Get It Girls Club at Stevenson Middle School visited the Microsoft Offices in Detroit Feb. 13.. The field trip was provided by the Michigan Council of Women and Technology (MCWT). The goal of the program is to provide girls with opportunities in technology with the hope of getting more girls to consider careers in technology. During this trip, students listened to a panel of women with careers in Microsoft. The girls also performed a coding activity with Harry Potter software and wands, and were treated to a tour of the Microsoft offices.

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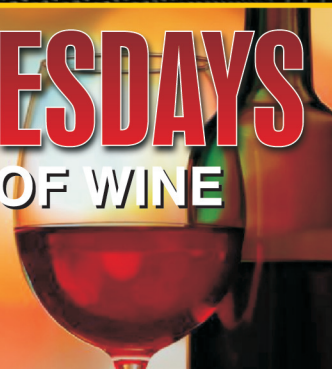
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Calendar of events

AARP tax help offered

Volunteer tax aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center through April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The tax aides are certified for tax preparation.

Appointments typically take 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (248) 305-2851 during business hours to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will return your call with information about required documentation and confirmation of appointment time.

Chinese Culture celebrated

A celebration of Chinese history and culture through music, song and dance is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Entertainment will include folk and classical dances performed by Metro Detroit area Chinese schools, vocal performances with solos by Xuan Gao and Shubo Fang, Peking Opera, and Shuping Ma, Italian Opera. The evening will also feature the Peking Opera, duets, and the Canton Philharmonic Choir; Michigan Chinese Choir and March Wind Choir. The show will also showcase instrumentalists on Pipa and Guzheng.

A special Pre-Show Reception is planned for 6 p.m. and will feature displays about Peking Opera. The event is presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage and members of the Chinese Festival Subcommittee.

Tickets for the event are \$5 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Community chorus present cabaret

The Belleville Community Chorus will present the 10th Annual Cabaret performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

The Cabaret program features chorus members in solo, duet and ensemble versions of pop, oldies, show tunes and others.

The concert is free although donations to support the chorus are encouraged.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The chorus includes members from Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and Ypsilanti.

For more information, call (734) 697-1763 or (734) 740-4165 or visit www.bellevillechorus.com.

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Church hosts cooking class

A Healthy Lunch cooking class with a live cooking demonstration is planned for 3-6 p.m. March 24. Recipes will be provided.

Topics include portion size, organizing our refrigerator the healthy way and what you don't know will kill you.

The class will take place at Sharon SDA Church, 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster where the Rev. Errol E. Liverpool, PhD is pastor.

For more information or to register, contact Adventist Community Services Director Lucy Byrd at (313)293-9753 or lucybyrd2@gmail.com.

Human trafficking is topic

Special guest speaker Angelique Robinson of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Michigan will discuss the reality, not the myths, of human trafficking from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the Wayne Public Library.

This special program is presented by Wayne Youth and Family Services. To register or for more information, call (734)721-7004.

The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Spring Fashion Show set

The Belleville Area Women's Club will host the annual Spring Fashion Show beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at Wayne Tree Manor.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and are available by phoning Chairperson DeLaney Provencher, (734)625 -0919 or from an women's club member.

Wayne Tree Manor is located at 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Tri-Community Update is topic

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host officials from Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the City of Belleville at the member luncheon meeting beginning at noon Wednesday, March 27.

The speakers will include Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and supervisor of Van Buren Township Kevin McNamara along with special guest speaker, Pete Kudlak, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools.

The luncheon will take place at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 if tickets are purchased in advance or \$25 if purchased at the door.

To register, or for more information, call (734) 697-7157 or info@bellevillareachamber.org.

Blood Drive at city hall

Donors are needed during a blood

emergency.

An American Red Cross has issued an urgent call for eligible individuals of all blood types to give blood to help save lives.

A blood drive is set for 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Plymouth City Hall. The blood drive will take place on the second floor of city hall, located at 201 South Main St. in Plymouth. To learn more, visit www.redcrossblood.org [<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=pch>] and to schedule and appointment enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-733-2767. For donor eligibility questions, call (866)-236-3276.

Garden club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker will be Joe Barton who will discuss Ponds and Water Features.

Light snacks are provided and the meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

History of Wayne parks revealed

The history of Wayne parks will be discussed by guest speaker Eric Clereman at the Wayne Historical Museum at 7 p.m. April 11.

The event is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

Museum hosts Ghost Hunt

The Wayne Historical Museum will host a ghost hunt from 8 .m. until midnight Saturday, April 13.

Ghost hunters from the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters will be on hand to oversee the search for spirits in the historic museum building.

Tickets are \$20 for a one-hour spot.

For more information, or tickets visit www.facebook.com/waynehistoricalsociety

The museum is located at 1 Town Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

Church hosts Spring Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Spring Bazaar, craft and vendor show and bake sale from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Lunch will be available.

The church is located at 555 S. Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Paid vendor applications will be accepted through April 5.

For more information, call (734) 721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community Sing scheduled

The Belleville Area District Library will host a Community Sing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, hosted by WDET personality Matt Watroba.

All skill levels are welcome. This is not performance, just singing, organizers said.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Save the Date for First Step

First Step, dedicated to the elimination of both domestic and sexual violence, is planning the You are the Light Gala on Friday, May 17 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The evening will include dinner, cocktails, live music, dancing, award presentations and a silent auction.

For sponsorship, table, individual ticket sales and event information, access <http://www.firststep-mi.org/events/youarethelight>.

Mom 2 Mom Sale set

St. Edith and St. Colette Church in Livonia will host a Mom to Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 27.

There will be 74 tables of deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items at the church, located at 15089 Newburgh Road near Five Mile in Livonia.

Admission is \$2 at strollers are welcome.

For more information, access St. Edith St. Colettes Mom-to-Mom Sale on Facebook. For questions, email m2mtables@stecmops.org.

Women of Wayne is topic

Nicole Conklin and Tyler Moll will discuss the history and role of women in the City of Wayne at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

The events of daily life and the contributions by significant women will be discussed. The program is free and open to the public.

The museum is located at 1 Town Square, at the corner of Main and Biddle, in Wayne.

Plymouth Canton Service Project planned

The fourth annual Greater Plymouth/Canton Service Project to benefit the Kids Coalition Against Hunger and local food pantries is set for Saturday, May 11.

As in past years, volunteers will gather to pack dried food packages at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a humanitarian food relief organization with a mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and worldwide. The food packages offer complete, balanced nutrition requiring only boiling water to serve.

On May 11, volunteers will choose a shift: 8:30-11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 12:30 to 3 p.m. For information on volunteer signup, contact Beth Meade at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or via phone, (734) 495-1200.

This year's goal is to package 250,000 meals that day.

Mitchell

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for Mitchell immediately after his appointment as supervisor

in 2016. The hiring of Mitchell was publicly criticized for what many described as a patronage job and political favor:

Mitchell formerly served as chairman of the 11th District Republican Party and is a well-

known political party operative.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise , who confirmed Mitchell's sentencing, said, “Shannon Price's Recreation Director Mike Mitchell was sentenced today to

2 years probation and 250 hours of community service in U.S. Federal Court for stealing from our taxpayers. Thanks to our police department and the U.S. Department of Justice for their help in closing this sad chapter

in township history. Fortunately the voters in 2016 elected new, competent officials who are leading with integrity. Plymouth Township is on the right track - stronger, safer, and working smarter than ever before.”

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